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Letter dated 26 June 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a commentary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the unauthorized visit of the Russian delegation to the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine) on 24 June 2017 (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 31, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 26 June 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Commentary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on yet another unauthorized visit of the Russian delegation headed by the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, to the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine) on 24 June 2017

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its strong protest against yet another visit of the Russian delegation led by the President, Vladimir Putin, on 24 June 2017 to the territory of Ukraine that has been temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation, the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine).

Ukraine considers the above-mentioned visit and other so-called "trips" of Russian officials to the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine) to be a gross violation of the State sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and a cynical and demonstrative negation by Russia of generally accepted norms of international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolutions 68/262 entitled "Territorial integrity of Ukraine", of 27 March 2014, and 71/205 entitled "Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)", of 19 December 2016, as well as obligations under bilateral and multilateral treaties to which Ukraine and Russia are parties.

A note of protest has been sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.